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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO WALDHEIM

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY
TO UNSYG WALDHEIM. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR KURT:

--I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 21
PROVIDING YOUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE
CYPRUS TALKS. YOUR VIEWS WERE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN
PUTTING THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE.
I AM AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES YOU FACED IN ARRANGING FOR
THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THE CRITICAL
ROLE YOU PLAYED IN VIENNA TO ENSURE THAT THE NEGOTIATING
PROCESS WAS SUSTAINED.

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-- IN VIEW OF THE DIFFERENCES WHICH STILL EXISTED AT THE

BEGINNING OF THE TALKS, I BELIEVE THAT THE RESULTS FULLY JUSTIFIED YOUR DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE FIFTH ROUND. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REACTIVATE THE

NEGOTIATING PROCESS JUST AS IT IS NOW IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM. I AM PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED TO NOTE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO EXCHANGE WRITTEN PROPOSALS WITHIN A FIXED TIME FRAME AND THAT THE APPROXIMATE DATE FOR ANOTHER ROUND HAS BEEN SET.

-- YOUR PATIENT EFFORTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE. WHILE THERE CERTAINLY WILL BE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME, THE RESULTS OF THIS MOST RECENT ROUND HAVE MOVED THE PROCESS IN THE DIRECTION OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO REMAINING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU IN THE DAYS AHEAD AND, OF COURSE, AM ALWAYS OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE UNITED STATES MIGHT ASSIST IN THE COMMON EFFORT. WARM REGARDS, HAK.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WALDHEIM LETTER OF FEBRUARY 21 ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY: BEGIN TEXT: DEAR HENRY:

I THOUGHT I SHOULD LET YOU KNOW MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE

FIFTH ROUND OF THE CYPRUS TALKS WHICH ENDED TODAY IN VIENNA. AS YOU KNOW, I FINALLY CALLED FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON THE BASIS OF AN UNDERSTANDING, WHICH BOTH THE PARTIES AGREED TO, THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD AT LEAST BE SUBSTANTIVE ON ALL THREE POINTS OF THE BRUSSELS PROCES-VERBAL, EVEN IF THEY WERE NOT CONCLUSIVE.

--AFTER CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES IN THE FIRST MEETINGS, IT PROVED POSSIBLE TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIVE GENERAL DISCUSSION ON BOTH TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS. THIS DEVELOPED FROM MY PROPOSAL THAT WE SHOULD START THE DISCUSSION ON THE BASIS OF SOME SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE BY MR. CLERIDES AT THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS IN APRIL AND MAY LAST YEAR. AFTER A GENERAL DISCUSSION, THE TWO INTERLOCUTORS FINALLY AGREED TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION SET OUT IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, OF WHICH I ATTACH A COPY.

--AS YOU WILL SEE, THEY HAVE AGREED TO EXCHANGE WRITTEN PROPOSALS WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT OF SIX WEEKS, THROUGH MY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS, AS THE BASIS FOR A FURTHER MEETING IN VIENNA IN MAY, WHICH IN TURN SHOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR REFERRING THE BASIC QUESTIONS TO

MIXED COMMITTEES IN CYPRUS.

-- IT WOULD OF COURSE HAVE BEEN DESIRABLE TO HAVE
REACHED A FRAMEWORK OF AGREEMENT ALREADY AT THIS ROUND,

BUT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS WAS
EVER LIKELY TO PROVE POSSIBLE. THE ARRANGEMENT WHICH
HAS NOW BEEN AGREED ON PRESENTS THE BEST ALTERNATIVE
WE COULD ACHIEVE, GIVEN THE POSITIONS OF ALL THE PARTIES
CONCERNED. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT BOTH SIDES WILL
FIND IT POSSIBLE TO PROCEED AS THEY HAVE AGREED TO DO,
SO THAT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS CAN CONTINUE IN A

MEANINGFUL WAY. ONE PROMISING DEVELOPMENT IS THAT FOR
THE FIRST TIME SOME TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS WILL BE PUT
FORWARD AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT
UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTIES AHEAD, I MUST SAY THAT THE
ATMOSPHERE OF THIS ROUND OF TALKS WAS FRIENDLY AND
CONSTRUCTIVE. I HAVE THE FEELING THAT THE INTERLOCUTORS
WILL DO THEIR BEST TO LIVE UP TO THEIR UNDERTAKINGS.
HOW FAR THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO THIS IS OF COURSE BY
NO MEANS CERTAIN.

--I SHALL KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, YOURS SINCERELY, KURT
WALDHEIM. END TEXT.

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